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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 9, 2021 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on October 19, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C. Kenwell at 4:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Chairman C. Kenwell
Councillor R. Thomson
M. Francis
C. Moran
H. Morgan
L. Pope
D. Taylor

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Disability Management and Accessibility Specialist, C. Dillon
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Manager of Recreation Services, S. Lee-Young
Parks and Forestry Coordinator, S. Wideman.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION BY VARIETY VILLAGE CONCERNING VOLT HOCKEY

Presentation by Audrey Allison and Archie Bouman from Variety Village provided a presentation concerning Volt Hockey.

Ms. Allison provide a background of Variety Village and Volt Hockey. She described that Volt Hockey is considered accessible hockey for individuals that have limited mobility. She mentioned that Variety Village was looking to revisit the way they want to establish the program. Ms. Allison explained that Variety Village was reaching out to municipalities who may be interested in

bringing Volt Hockey to their communities and have an interest in making use of the hockey chairs.

Ms. Allison mentioned that there is a Volt Hockey Tournament planned for overseas in 2022 and that Variety Village would like to have the opportunity to send a team to compete. Archie Bouman mentioned that Variety Village has had a lot of interest from Barrie residents concerning Volt Hockey.

Steve Lee-Young, Manager of Recreation Services explained that staff in Recreation Services have engaged with Variety Village concerning the potential of bringing Volt Hockey to Barrie.

The Committee provided their feedback to Ms. Allison and Mr. Bouman and City staff and received responses.

Cheryl Dillon, Diversity Management and Accessibility Specialist mentioned that further updates concerning Volt Hockey will be provided at future Committee meetings.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE HERITAGE TRAIL SIGNAGE PROJECT

Wendy Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner provided a presentation concerning the Waterfront Heritage Trail Project.

She discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the Waterfront Heritage Trail Project;
- A map illustrating the Waterfront Heritage Trail - 11 Interpretive Stations;
- The Wayfinding Pillars Panel Options;
- Illustrations depicting Approach 1: Map Consistency Priority (Existing and Issues);
- Illustrations depicting Approach 2: Physical Access Priority;
- A summary of the Interpretive Stations - Approach 1 and Approach 2; and
- Illustrations depicting Waterfront Heritage Trail Interpretive Stations.

Ms. Loevenmark was looking for the Committee to provide feedback related to the accessibility of the Waterfront Heritage Trail Interpretive Stations. The Committee asked a number of questions and provided feedback to Ms. Loevenmark concerning the Interpretive Stations and received responses. The Committee discussed and would like to invite staff from Development Services Department to a future meeting to provide an update on the Waterfront Heritage Trail Project.

PRESENTATION BY THE BARRIE PICKLEBALL CLUB REGARDING INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY FOR LOCAL PICKLEBALL COURTS

Kim Porter, President of the Barrie Pickleball Club provided an overview of pickleball and the club's interest to increase the accessibility on the courts. Ms. Porter explained that interest in pickleball in Barrie has seen an influx of participants in the sport. Ms. Porter mentioned that they have been consulting with staff in the Development Services Department regarding future pickleball courts.

As requested by Ms. Porter, the Committee provide feedback and input concerning pickleball courts in Barrie. The Committee agreed that for the future a community pickleball strategy should be done and that accessibility needs to be considered.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POP-UP MAZE AT MERIDIAN PLACE

Stephanie Wideman, Parks Program Coordinator provided a presentation concerning a park pop up installation entitled "A-Maze-ing Merdian Place". Ms. Wideman provided an overview of Barrie's 2021 Game-on which is an event in partnership with Barrie Public Library's Comic Con taking place between September 1st and September 18th, 2021. She explained that this is a virtual gaming event for all ages. Ms. Wideman advised that plans are to install a pop-up maze at Meridian Place on September 18th, 2021, weather dependent. Stephanie Wideman provided examples of the proposed chalk maze and an aerial photograph of Meridian Place. Ms. Wideman was looking for the Committee's provide feedback concerning the accessibility of the pop-up maze.

The Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Wideman and provided feedback related to the pop-up maze such as size, width of the maze.

COMMUNITY MEMBER ACCESSIBILITY CONCERNS AT SHOPPING PLAZA LOCATED AT DUNLOP STREET AND ANNE STREET

Cheryl Dillon, Disability Management and Accessibility Specialist provided an overview of a community member's accessibility concerns at a shopping plaza located at 7 Anne Street South. Ms. Dillon explained that at the time the plaza was built it met the building code and accessibility requirements.

Doug Shaw discussed his concerns related to lack of access and customer service he encountered while in the plaza located at 7 Anne Street South. He felt that the walkway from the parking lot to access the stores in the plaza was located too far away. He discussed his concerns with the accessible customer service at a store in the plaza.

Ms. Dillon felt that there were two concerns which includes accessible customer service and lack of access to the plaza.

The Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Shaw and received responses.

The Committee discussed and agreed to send correspondence to the property owner to suggest accessibility improvements and the store in the plaza to remind them about accessible customer service. Ms. Dillon advised that she would draft the letters and will circulate to the Committee for their review and feedback.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SITE PLAN REVIEW MEETINGS

Cheryl Dillon, Disability Management and Accessibility Specialist explained that staff in Development Services Department are looking for assistance from the Committee to review site plan applications as it relates to accessibility. The Committee members will follow-up with Ms. Dillon concerning their participation in the Site Plan Review meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN